



Harold G. Cushman, Jr.

September 21, 1929 - March 25, 2023

Myrtle Beach, SC |Harold Gillespie Cushman Jr., 93, passed away peacefully on Saturday March 25th with his son and daughter by his side. Mr. Cushman was born in his childhood home in Conway, SC in 1929, to Harold Gillespie Cushman and Elsie Mae McCoy Cushman.

He attended Conway High School and is a 1951 graduate of The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina.

Upon graduation from The Citadel, he was appointed a second lieutenant. He quickly entered training at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Camp Stewart Georgia. He entered the Korean War and was appointed first lieutenant and was Platoon Leader for Battery D, 145th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, 45th Infantry Division. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Korea, serving 13 months in combat from March 1952 to April 1953. Mr. Cushman also served as a Captain in the South Carolina National Guard as Company Commander of Company D, 263rd Tank Battalion, 51st Infantry in Myrtle Beach, SC until resigning in 1963.

He married the love of his life; Dianne Chipley Cushman in December of 1954 and they were married for 60 years until her death in 2015.

He went to work in 1955 for his soon-to-be business partner Archie Dargan of Dargan Construction Company and retired as President of their company in 1995 after 40 years. Mr. Cushman served on Dargan Construction Company's Board of Directors until 2019.

Mr. Cushman joined the Conway National Bank Board of Directors in 1963 at the age of 34 and served faithfully on the board for 48 years retiring as Chairman of the Board of the Conway National Bank & CNB Corporation in 2011.

In addition to Dargan Construction Company and the Conway National Bank; Mr. Cushman was involved in many of our area businesses such as the Myrtle Beach Martinique Hotel, The Breakers Resort, Equipment Rental & Supply Company, Coastal Crane Company, Chicora Development, Myrtle Beach Tennis Club, Alabama Theater, Ice House Group, Wicked Stick Golf Course and Myrtle Beach National Corporation.

He served on the Governor's Task Force for the Myrtle Beach Military Base Closing Commission. He was a member of the governing board for the Waccamaw Center for Mental Health and served on the Board of Advisors for the Presbyterian Home of South Carolina. He was a Rotarian being named Rotarian of the Year & a past President of the Myrtle Beach Rotary Club. He also served on the Customer Advisory Board for Santee Cooper.

He was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach and served on many committees and as a Deacon & Elder of the church.

He was a long-time member of The Dunes Golf & Beach Club and served on many committees and the Board of Directors in various positions and was President of the Club in 1983. He was also inducted in 2017 into The Alligator Club for members of distinction.

Mr. Cushman was predeceased by his parents; his wife Dianne Chipley Cushman; sisters Kate C. Ward and Elsie C. Warwick "Mac"; and son Marion Shannon Cushman; and nephew Charles Warwick IV "Buddy".

Mr. Cushman is survived by his daughter Frances Faison Cushman; son Harold G. Cushman III "Harry" and his wife Lisa; two grandchildren Kara Dawn Cushman and Harold G. Cushman IV "Gil"; nieces Katherine W. (David) Saunders and Elizabeth W. (Dr. Anthony) Thebaut; nephew Harry C. (Jane) Ward.

He loved his family, church, friends, neighbors, pets and the Myrtle Beach & Conway Communities. His generosity supported many local & national charities, The Citadel, and his church to name a few. He also enjoyed playing tennis, hunting and offshore fishing with family & friends. He was known for his kindness and attention to detail.

The family would like to thank his caregivers Liz Proffitt, Linda Jones & her staff and Embrace Hospice House.

Visitation will be at 1:00 p.m. Thursday March 30th, 2023, at the First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach. The funeral service will follow at 2:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary officiated by Dr. John Brearley. Burial will follow at Lakeside Cemetery in Conway SC.

For anyone wanting to send a memorial, please send to the First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach, SC, or the Grand Strand Humane Society.

Please sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

401 Lakewood Drive
Conway, SC 29526

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

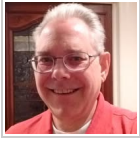
First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach
3810 Robert M Grissom Pkwy
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577-6422
(843) 448-4496

Funeral Service

MAR 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Harry, so sorry to learn about the passing of your Dad. Wishing you and your family all the best during this difficult time.*

Al Wheless - March 31, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ *Kara, We extend our deepest condolences to you and your family. With sympathy, April Todd Richardson and Mrs Gail Lilly Todd and our families.*

Gail Lilly Todd - March 30, 2023 at 11:22 PM



“ *Faison, Harry and Family.
My sincere condolences at this time of grief.
You are in my thoughts and prayers.
John Roemer*

John Roemer - March 30, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ *Best Wishes Bobby & Debbie Steele purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Harold G. Cushman, Jr..*



Best Wishes Bobby & Debbie Steele - March 30, 2023 at 05:28 AM

JJ

“ *A wonderful friend of our family. We have special feelings for Harold and the Cushman family. We extend prayers to the family.* ”

jesse Basnight Jr. - March 29, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Harold G. Cushman, Jr..* ”



March 29, 2023 at 01:01 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Harold G. Cushman, Jr..* ”



March 29, 2023 at 10:41 AM

US

“ *USI Insurance Services purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Harold G. Cushman, Jr..* ”



USI Insurance Services - March 29, 2023 at 08:17 AM

JJ

“ *Faison, Harry and Family, so sorry to hear of Mr. Cushman's passing. Such a fine gentleman. My thoughts and prayers are with you. John Gore*

john solon gore jr - March 28, 2023 at 05:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harold G. Cushman, Jr..*



March 28, 2023 at 09:55 AM

SI

“ *Shoreline Flooring, Inc. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Harold G. Cushman, Jr..*



Shoreline Flooring, Inc. - March 28, 2023 at 09:15 AM

SR

“ *Sylvia Richardson lit a candle in memory of Harold G. Cushman, Jr.*



Sylvia Richardson - March 28, 2023 at 09:13 AM

VC

“ Dear Faison, Harry, Lisa, Kara, and Gil, I want each one of you to know how sorry I am about Mr. Cushman’s death. I first met him when I became employed in the corporate office of Dargan Construction Company in April, 1964. Back then, there were no computers to ease the load of work. It was typing letters on a typewriter and behind the letterhead stationery page were yellow sheets and carbon paper for copies. Also, electric calculators were on every desk. Mr. Cushman, of course, did not have a typewriter because that was for the secretary to use in transcribing his letters, but he did have a Dictaphone, and boy did he use it! He, being an Officer of the Company, and the Project Manager of several on-going projects at one time, he dictated lots of letters, also at the end of each one of them, he ended, “With kindest regards, I remain, Yours very truly, Harold G. Cushman, Jr.” I will always remember, and can still hear those words in his voice. Your father (and grandfather) worked tirelessly every day and did not leave a stone unturned. He was dedicated to the company, but even more to his wife and children, but especially to his wife. By the way, as time progressed, the company went from typewriters and adding machines to the latest in computers and software. All the many parts of Mr. Cushman’s long career; i.e., The Military, Dargan Construction Company, and his service to the Conway-Myrtle Beach area, including all those that are listed in his obituary, are the works of a good man and a life of service. Thank you, Mr. Harold G. Cushman, Jr., and “WITH kindest regards, I remain, YOURS VERY TRULY.” Vickie Cooper, Dargan Construction Company Employment 1964-2008.

Vickie J. Cooper - March 28, 2023 at 06:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold G. Cushman, Jr..*



March 27, 2023 at 03:22 PM